

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 6:00, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

***The Resurrection of Our Lord***

**DIVINE SERVICE 1      LSB 151**

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**“ALLELUIA! THE SHROUD IS GONE!”**

**Text:** Isaiah 25:6-8 On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich foods for all the peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations: he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears from all faces.”

**INTRODUCTION** – The Lord is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! In the history of the world there is no event that has a greater effect on humanity than the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Appropriately, there is no greater celebration than today’s. And yet, this celebration too pertains to “the old order of things,” which, as John says in Revelation 21, will pass away. Isaiah speaks of an event even greater than the resurrection of our Lord: the resurrection of all flesh! On that day, death – the swallower – will be swallowed up by life. The shroud that enfolds all peoples will be gone forever. The tears will be wiped away.

- 1 – Isaiah’s ministry spanned 64 years.
- 2 – He describes a banquet and supplies the menu.
- 3 – Mountains are a common image used by God.
- 4 – Three very relevant Mountains for us: Sinai, Golgotha, Zion.
- 5 – The Law is clear: you will certainly die!
- 6 – The Lord Jesus conquered the Law (Sinai) through the Golgotha.
- 7 – The Lord Jesus conquered death and leads us to Mount Zion!

**CONCLUSION** – Since the shroud called death was destroyed, the tears caused by that shroud are gone as well. Jesus’ resurrection is reason for rejoicing not only today, but every day. This becomes especially meaningful when we suffer the loss of a loved one. Sadness is tempered by hope, and despair is limited by the certainty of the resurrection. Thanks be to the Lord Jesus for taking up our infirmities and carrying away our sorrows! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

## EASTER SUNDAY

### ***The Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever!***

The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud *"that is spread over all nations"* and *"cast over all peoples"* (Is. 25:7). But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever. By submitting Himself to death, He burst it apart from the inside out. Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to *"be glad and rejoice in his salvation"* (Is. 25:9). His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast *"of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined"* (Is. 25:6). We enter that feast through Holy Baptism, whereby our old man is buried with Jesus Christ, and we are raised up in Him, *"dressed in a white robe"* of His perfect righteousness (Mark 16:5). What St. Paul and the other apostles received *"by the grace of God"* is also *"delivered to you"* by the preaching of Christ, *"in which you stand, and by which you are being saved"* (1 Cor. 15:1–11).

### **CHURCH INFORMATION**

**SPECIAL MISSIONS:** For our second quarter missions, our Special Mission offering will support A Place of Refuge Ministries. APOR is a network of volunteers and staff who are committed to life and to caring for women facing crisis pregnancy in South Wisconsin. Through their program, they provide housing for mom's to stay during their pregnancy and as they transition to independent living. They also refer them to community resources, support them with a telephone hotline, and provide basic needs for both the mom and baby. May God bless their ministry!

**YOUTH GROUP** Save the date! All 6th-12th graders will meet on April 11 and 25 from 6-8pm. Watch your email for more information.

**FLOWER FUNDRAISER** It's once again time for our annual Spring Flower Fundraiser! If you are interested in ordering flowers, plants or hanging baskets, please fill out an order form and return it to Jaime Greene by May 2. Order forms

are available in the Narthex, or as a PDF in The Messenger. The orders will be available to be picked up on Saturday, May 22nd.

**MITES** Thanks to your generous collection of coins and dollar bills, Grant #4 to a Place of Refuge has been paid, and they have been able to secure a transport van. Our next goal, along with the other churches in the South Wisconsin District, is to raise \$15,000 for Mission Central. They are an agency of the LCMS that operates with the help of a largely volunteer workforce, and assists with the finances that are needed for new missionaries to enter the field. Our mites will help cover transportation, health insurance and the living expenses for the new missionary families. Mission Central also aids missionaries already in the field.

**LWML HEART TO HEART SISTERS EVENT** Join us on this virtual event as we make a stop on every continent of the world for videos, devotions, tutorials, and a fashion show, as we celebrate Lutheran women in these multicultural events! You can participate by following the LWML-South Wisconsin Facebook page, or by going to [www.lwml-swd.org](http://www.lwml-swd.org) and clicking on the Facebook icon at the bottom of the page.

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** Beginning April 6th, we will have a new online Bible Study called "Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up", which takes a look at 12 false christs. The Bible Study is offered at 9am or 7pm via Zoom, and if you are interested in participating, please contact Jaime Greene at [jaimelynn581@gmail.com](mailto:jaimelynn581@gmail.com).

**MILITARY DONATIONS** Thank you for your continued support of our military families! We are still collecting coupons, cancelled stamps, and items for care packages. If you would like to donate any of these items, they may be placed in the bins in the Fellowship Hall, or in the bin outside the front doors of church.

**FLOWERS, BULLETINS, & SPECIAL MISSIONS SIGN-UP** If you would like to sign up for flowers, bulletins, or special mission contact the church office by email [blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com), or call 262-786-6465.

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** Registration for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year is now underway. If you have or know of anyone looking for 2K, 3K, 4K, or childcare and would like more information or to register please contact Jennifer Leinss 262-786-6465 or jleinss82@gmail.com. Information can be found on our website as well, www.blessedsaviorwi.org.

**OFFERING COUNTERS,** We are looking to add to our offering counting teams. As one of our counters, you would serve on a rotational basis with your team, counting the offerings on Monday mornings. If you are interested in counting, please contact Terri at secretary.bslcnb@gmail.com. She will be setting up a meeting in the next few weeks.

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS**

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Arliss Judy Adeline Gary Laverne Karen John Holley

This week’s Bulletins are sponsored by Marc & Dora Monreal in celebration of their 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild.

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Special intercessions: we pray for all health care workers in America and the world, for all first responders, truck drivers and essential workers.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR APRIL 4 – APRIL 11**

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| Sun  | 6:00 am  | Easter Worship       | <p><b>Last Week’s Offerings:</b> \$7,350.00</p> <p><b>Needed Weekly:</b> \$11,800.00</p> <p><b>Last Week’s Attendance:</b> 172</p> <p><b>YouTube Attendance:</b> 98</p> |
|      | 8:00 am  | Easter Worship       |   |
|      | 10:30 am | Easter Worship       |   |
| Mon  |          | Office Closed        |   |
| Tues | 9:00 am  | Bible Study (online) |   |
|      | 7:00 pm  | Bible Study (online) |   |
| Thur | 7:00 pm  | Worship & Communion  |   |
| Sun  | 8:00 am  | Worship & Communion  |   |
|      | 10:30 am | Worship & Communion  |   |